

Jericho Energy Task Force
Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m.

Members present: Stuart Alexander, Eric Bishop, Larry Lamb, Phyl Newbeck, Ceilidh Peden-Spear, and Reed Sims

Guest: Chris West

1. Discussion of October 4th joint meeting with the Planning Commission

Reed Sims briefed the group on the October 4th meeting with the Planning Commission where the CCRPC informed the group about regional plans for saving energy. The goal for the state is having 90% of our energy from renewables by 2050 and 25% by 2025. The presentation and other information is on the CCRPC website.

2. Button Up Grant follow up

We will not be pursuing the Button Up grant.

3. Community Center follow up

The JETF decided not to have another Button Up day at the Community Center this year.

4. Harvest Market follow up

We held a successful event at Harvest Market with a total of 12 electric and hybrid cars including Nissan Leafs, VW E-Golfs, Ford Focus, Mitsubishi MiEV, Chevy Volt, Prius C, BMW 1-3 and a Tesla Roadster. The owners were eager to talk about their cars. The folks from Drive Electric Vermont were there and provided information. People came in waves and seemed really interested in the cars. One take-away was that you don't need a special outlet for these cars if you're willing to wait with the charge. Faster charges need a special outlet. The only downside is we had no information on the town's Mitsubishi.

5. Heat Smart collaboration follow up

The JETF has decided not to pursue a grant for Heat Smart kits to give out at the food shelf. We fear the weatherization strips may not be used and noted that the food shelf already gives out bedding. We won't rule out acting on this in the future.

6. Movie/Events planning

Our January event will be a showing of the movie, Just Eat It, in collaboration with the CSWD. Our other events will be presentations/lectures with options being an information session on heat pumps, a discussion about carbon pricing, and information for people who are interested in getting roof mounted solar panels. The JETF is concerned about some recent installations which are not placed optimally.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 9th.